

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
April 15, 2014 Meeting  
Held at Town Hall - 7:00PM

### Minutes

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Doug Giles, Cleve Kapala, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Bethann McCarthy

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. NH Audubon re Brockway MOU, signage and COL: Tabled until Hilary Chapman of New Hampshire Audubon can be present
2. Minutes of 3/18/14 meeting approved.
3. Treasurer's report: No financial activity during the past month. Approved paying NH Association of Conservation Commissions \$275 for 2014 dues.
4. Culvert Data and Report: Jed gave it to Fish and Game. Jed should also give it to DES Geologic Survey for the culverts database.
5. Trail subcommittee: Ron reports the water by the Ransmeier parking lot has overflowed into the lot, but he dug out the ditch and the lot is now open. HCC members should keep an eye on the drainage. Trails committee will be scheduling a meeting to continue work on the trail connections.
6. Kimball Lake Cabins Study Committee: Lee reports that they will recommend fixing up Cabin #1 and stabilizing Cabins #2 & #3. Committee is working on a priority list for repairs. Working on parking location. Goal is to make the area better for recreational use. Lee will identify location for the trailhead kiosk.

70' x 70' lot at Kimball Lake. Ron and Lee will meet with owner Don Carrier to discuss formalizing the ROW across the lot and putting up a gate to control vehicle access.

7. Boundary markers: Rob intends to start with Brockway and Carson.
8. Greenway road crossing at Hopkinton Road: Per Cleve, nothing new to report at this time.
9. Report from Open Space Committee: Ron reports that the Grazianos have sold their cows and may be selling some of their property. Much of the land they farm has flowage easements on it which prevent development. Open Space Committee is waiting for the appraiser to complete the two requested appraisals.

10. Hopkinton Student Conservation Camp: Erick reported by email that the camp is holding a spot for us, and Steve Chamberlain is selecting a student to go to the camp.
11. Warner Scenic River initiative: Doug has no news to report.
12. Possible locations for the Hopkinton Community Garden: Discussed future locations for the gardens, but Beth feels the gardens will probably stay where they are this year.
13. Beyer Conservation Easement: Rob reports that Neal Cass is ready to send it back to Audubon, and assuming they have no further issues, it will be ready to be signed by the selectmen very soon.
14. Beyer Lot: Ron and Lee met with Phil Brown from NH Audubon on April 8. Beavers are very active and the trails and boardwalk are in bad shape because of the flooding. Lee feels we should give up on the boardwalks, and replace them with a new trail on the Beyer lot along the north edge of the pond.  
  
NH Audubon may be able to help with the cost of the trail. Ron said that we could do a timber harvest on the Beyer lot in return for creating a parking lot. It was voted unanimously to approve a timber sale. Ron will put it out to bid and bring in bids for HCC approval.
15. Hopkinton Master Plan: Beth has copies of the conservation sections of the master plan and will bring them in for review at the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Perambulation of town boundaries: Lee asked how often this is done. By state statute it should be done every so many years.
2. Wildlife habitat mapping: Jed is still interested in pursuing it, but perhaps in a different form.
3. Fairgrounds parking fields: Rob said he thought the town got a recreational benefit from the open fields, and that the HCC should support the fairgrounds. Agreed that Rob would draft a letter of support and circulate it by email to the HCC for approval.
4. Topo Maps: Doug reports that Fish and Game will print out topo maps upon request, or they are available for sale from Gibsons. The USGS also has them at:  
[http://store.usgs.gov/b2c\\_usgs/usgs/maplocator/\(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex\\_prd&carea=\\$ROOT&layout=6\\_1\\_61\\_48&uiarea=2\)/.do](http://store.usgs.gov/b2c_usgs/usgs/maplocator/(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex_prd&carea=$ROOT&layout=6_1_61_48&uiarea=2)/.do)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting Tuesday May 20 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Next host is Jed.